Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee
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The Honorable Timothy F. Geithner
Secretary of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Geithner:

A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (Committee) was held on March 23, 2010, at United States Mint Headquarters in Washington, DC. The Committee reviewed proposed reverse designs for the 2010 American Eagle Platinum Coin Program.

The Committee's recommended design is AEP-R-01, which shows a blindfolded justice holding traditional scales and a laurel branch. Generally, the Committee felt the design was a strong, dynamic and modern presentation of the theme of blind justice. The Committee voted 9-1 to recommend that the inscription "Justice, the Guardian of Liberty" be changed to "To Establish Justice". The Committee felt the inscription "To Establish Justice", which is found in the preamble of the Constitution, would provide a broader context to the concept of justice. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend the scales be redesigned to be mechanically correct and to show the justice holding the scales byway of a loop above the beam. This design change would allow the inclusion of a pivot to the scales (between the loop and beam).

Sincerely,

Gary B. Marks
Chair